

Ten Reasons Why NPS Area Studies Beats Civilian Universities

Click [here](#) for a printable version of this document.

The Naval Postgraduate School (NPS) is the nation's premier graduate school for providing tailored, directly applicable strategic and regional academic studies to military warfighters. Specifically, NPS provides the ability to study Terrorism, Intelligence, Strategic Planning, Area Studies, Homeland Security, Civil-Military Relations, Military Ethics, Operations Research, Nuclear Strategy, Non-Nuclear Strategy, and Nonproliferation/Counter-proliferation. Most importantly, NPS is the only accredited graduate institution responsible for providing education to our NATO friends and allies in a program called Partnership for Peace (PfP).

The goal of NPS is to educate warfighters in development and application of advanced technologies, both to support Sea Power 21 and develop dramatically different ways of warfighting. The Naval Postgraduate School's strategic and regional graduates demonstrate an array of analytical skills forged from the research anvil of analytic, management, and policy analysis. They can attend one or more programs from seven educational arms of the school: science and engineering, information and operations, defense management, and policy science graduate schools; or three research and educational institutes focusing on systems engineering and analysis, modeling and simulation, and information superiority. Because strategic and regional students hone their critical thinking and analytical skills through their graduate education experiences, every follow-on tour is a payback tour to the Navy or the sponsoring organization.

NPS provides unique education to warfighters by providing opportunities for:

- Classified studies at the graduate level: Students and faculty conduct classified research and many students participate in six-week experience tours. Additionally, the student capstone project is a warfighting thesis;
- The exchange of intellectual capital: U.S. students study side-by-side with about 400 students from over 50 countries;
- JPME I training: all NPS graduates receive JPME I training in addition to a Masters degree taught in accredited programs in less time than in civilian institutions;
- Warfighter refresher: NPS professors are adept in refreshing fleet warfighters for subsequent intensive technical and analytical studies.

For nearly 100 years, NPS has served as the Navy's graduate school for developing the warfighter's core competency of championing changes and employment in naval warfare. By rapidly responding, adapting, and creating programs to meet changes in the security environment, NPS will continue to provide the Navy's and Unified Combatant Commanders' incomparable graduate education opportunities well into the future. Put simply, NPS has the ability to tailor its analytical and security curricula to focus on warfighter development. This is the value-added of NPS over civilian peer institutions.



NPS is a . . .

- **Graduate University**
Responsive to **joint, interagency,** and **coalition** requirements
- **Research Institute**
Pursuing **innovative technology** and improving **national security**
- **Community of Alumni**
Leading and **defending** the Nation and **transforming** the Department of Defense (DoD)

History Highlights	
1909 -	Founded at U.S. Naval Academy
1951 -	Moved to Monterey; - Operations Research Department
1956 -	System Management Department
1972 -	National Security Affairs Department and War-Fighting curricula (e.g., Anti-Submarine Warfare)
1996 -	Information Warfare Curriculum
1997 -	Joint Professional Military Education (JPME) campus
2003 -	Homeland Security Curriculum

Ten Reasons Why NPS Area Studies Beats ‘Civilian Universities’

1. NPS is already the Navy’s Regional Studies Center.

N3/5 Sponsors the regional Studies Programs at NPS. The raison d’etre for the Regional Studies Curriculum is to be responsive to the Navy’s requirements. Meeting the Navy’s objective is not a tertiary mission for NPS. Civilian programs are not optimized to meet military needs and requirements.

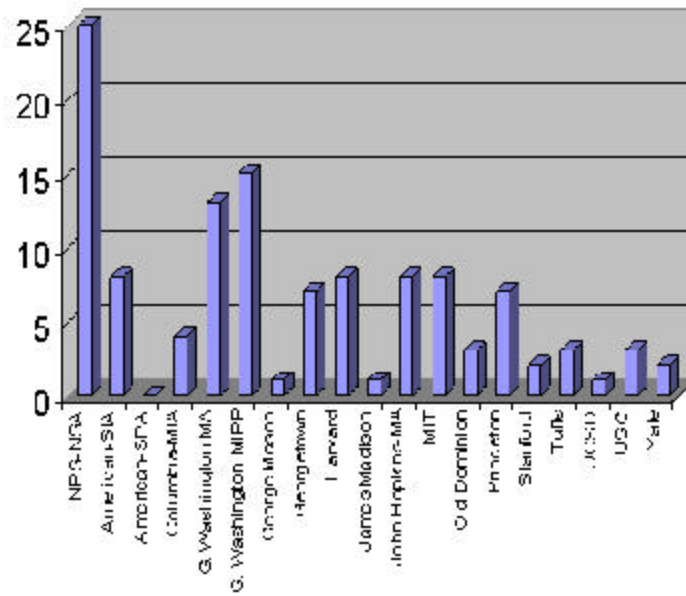
2. NPS offers what might be the best Area Studies Program in the world.

The Department of National Security Affairs is a unique and outstanding academic department. No where on earth do hundreds of U.S. and international officers from all services and over sixty scholars work together to produce regional studies with an emphasis on security, international affairs, transitions to democracy and security building. The NPS program is taught by world-renowned subject matter experts—unlike civilian institutions—which typically use graduate assistants and adjuncts.

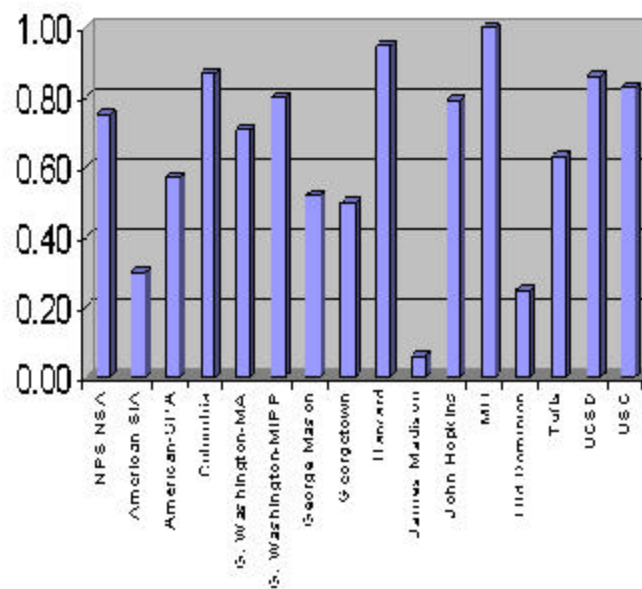
3. NPS is optimized to provide the maximum amount of education in the least amount of time.

NPS is in session on a continuous basis. There is no long summer recess that leaves students scrambling to find relevant courses. Unlike civilian institutions, which take only a small number of military students, NPS can accommodate large numbers of students on a continuous basis.

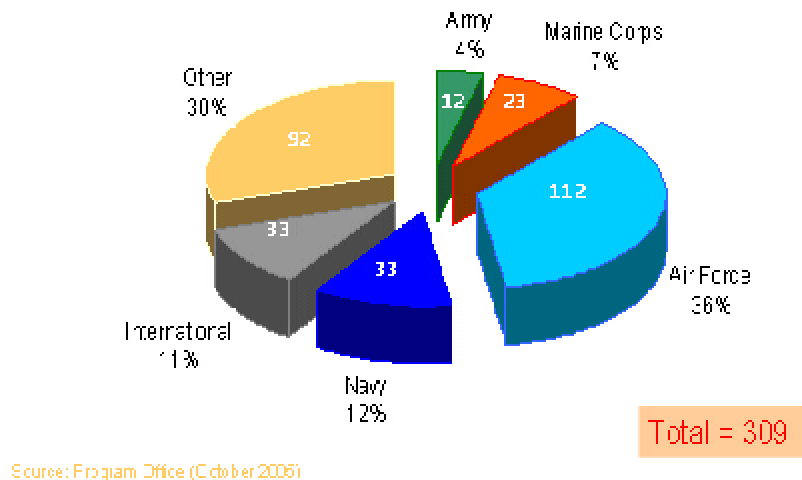
Number of Full-Time Faculty with Security Specialization



Percentage of Faculty from a Top 15 Political Science PhD Program



Students Currently Onboard by Service



4. Students can enter the program four times a year (July, October, January, and April).

5. The Naval Postgraduate School/ Defense Language Institute/ Naval War College (NPS/DLI/NWC) team in Monterey Offers one-stop shopping.

NPS/DLI/NWC are cost efficient. In as little as eighteen months students can complete an MA in area studies, immersion language training at the Defense Language Institute, and obtain the Naval War College's JPME Phase I certificate.

6. NPS program covers all regions—emphasizing regions of importance to the U.S. Navy;

Including the Middle East (Gulf, Iran); Asia (with special emphasis on China and Southeast Asia); India and Pakistan; Africa; the Caucasus; Europe; and the Western Hemisphere.

7. Monterey is a center of advanced language training in the United States.

Advanced language training is available at the Monterey Institute of International Studies (MIIS). Basic language training is offered at the Defense Language Institute (DLI). The Department of National Security Affairs (NSA) offers language maintenance courses in Arabic, Chinese (Beijing dialect), Russian, French, Spanish, Japanese, and German. The Department of National Security Affairs offers graduate classes taught in Spanish and Russian.

8. Area Studies Students Can Minor in Relevant Topics:

Strategic Planning; Security Studies; Counterproliferation/NonProliferation; Terrorism/Counter Drug Operations; Operations Research; Homeland Security; Military ethics/civil military relations; Security Building/Post-Conflict reconstruction; Counterinsurgency.

9. NPS Faculty directly support the operational Navy.

The Regional Security Education program delivers regional and issue content aboard carrier battle groups and expeditionary strike groups. The Center for Civil Military Relations (CCMR) provides direct regional engagement in the GWOT, allowing students direct field experience.

10. NPS engages in research relevant to Navy future needs.

Faculty draw in and interact with reimbursable research sponsors from across the Department of Defense (DoD) and the international community to explore issues of current and future interest to the Navy. This research makes the course content more applicable to student interests and requirements.

Asia Area Studies, Faculty, Department of National Security Affairs

- Aurel Croissant, Ph.D. (Mainz), Southeast Asia, Indonesia
- Michael Malley, Ph.D. (Wisconsin), Southeast Asia, Indonesia
- Lyman Miller, Ph.D. (George Washington), China, PLA
- Maria Morgan, Ph.D. (Stanford), Chinese Economy
- Edward Olsen, Ph.D. (American), Korea, Japan
- Brian Swanland, Ph.D. (Texas), China
- Chris Twomey, Ph.D. (MIT), Chinese Defense Policy
- Michael Vann, Ph.D. (Santa Cruz), Asian History
- Tuong Vu, Ph.D. (Berkeley), Southeast Asia, Vietnam
- Douglas Porch, Ph.D. (Cambridge), Military History

Homeland Defense:

1. The NPS national security programs, faculty, research capabilities, homeland security digital library, etc. provide the foundation for the delivery of U.S. Department of Homeland Security programs that build the capacity of state and local governments, federal agencies and the military to prevent terrorist attacks and ultimately win the war on terror.

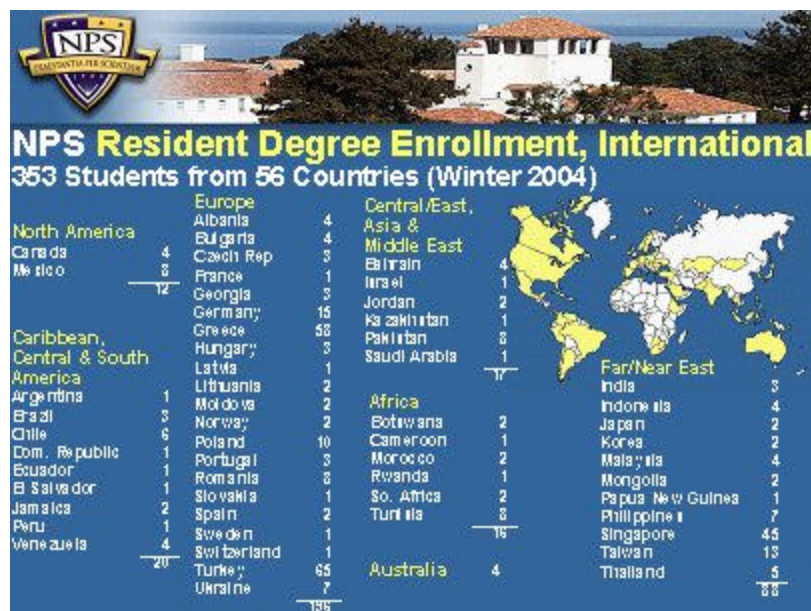
2. NPS delivers the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's homeland security Master's Degree program to 128 (per year) senior federal, state and local government officials and military officers. The program provides leaders with the knowledge and skills to:

- Develop strategies, plans and programs to prevent terrorist attacks within the United States and reduce America's vulnerability to terrorism;
- Build the organizational arrangements needed to strengthen Homeland Security, including local/state/federal, civil-military and interagency cooperation; and
- Help mayors and governors make improvements in Homeland Security preparedness, by conducting "real world," actionable policy development work.

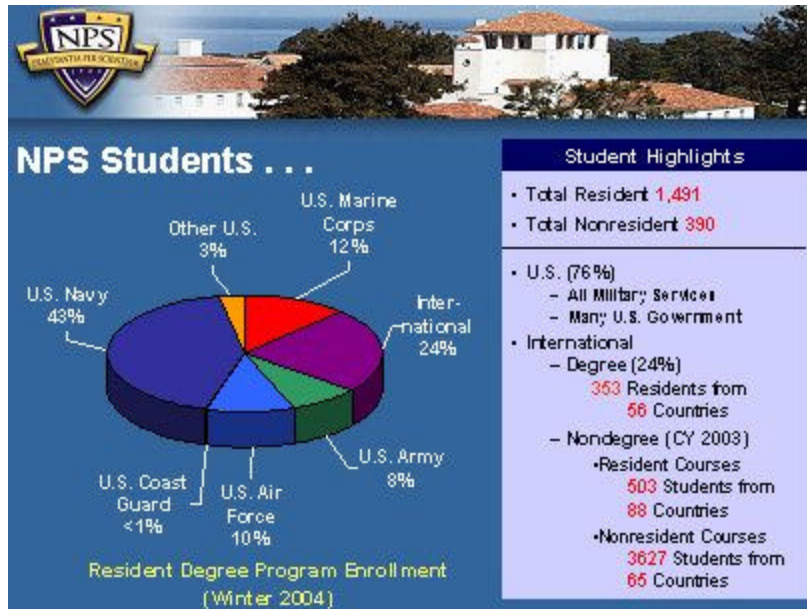
3. NPS conducts customized homeland security Executive Education seminars for individual Governors and Mayors and their cabinets and other senior federal, state and local Homeland Security leaders around the country. The seminars are an intensive half-day session on Homeland Security designed to help strengthen U.S. capability to prevent, deter, and respond to domestic terrorist attacks, and to build the intergovernmental, interagency, and civil-military cooperation that Homeland Security requires.

The seminars are conducted by Mobile Education Teams (MET) comprised of nationally recognized experts in various areas related to Homeland Security. The MET seminar focuses exclusively on enhancing the capacity of top government officials to successfully address new Homeland Security challenges. More than 35 Governors and 1,000 state and local officials have attended the seminars.

International Students:



NPS provides educational services to all branches of the U.S. military as well as to the militaries of our allies around the world. Approximately 20 percent of our resident graduate student officers are international (250 officers from 47 countries). Additionally, our professors provide mobile education training in the form of short one to three week modules around the world, conducting courses in several areas of resource management and civil-military relations. Additionally, short course resident programs in these subjects are conducted in Monterey. The resident programs are designed to reinforce the MET learning objectives in the U.S. environment (see how we do it first-hand). Our graduate programs are designed to provide in-depth functional expertise in traditional technical disciplines. Since 1954, in addition to the 3400 international graduate students (including the current Turkish CNO), we have trained over 12,000 international students in these disciplines (numerous Chiefs of Service and positions of prominence including King Abdullah of Jordan in 1998).



A strong component of our international relations program is the integration of our U.S. officers with our international officers attending NPS. U.S. officers are integrated into our Sponsor program and matched with international students from their geographical area of study, where they have a chance to learn the culture first-hand and establish military-to-military contacts.

The synergism of these educational and training activities at NPS maximizes our military educational exposure worldwide, both in traditional and practical disciplines. Additionally, the professional military-to-military exchanges, both in Monterey and abroad, take on added significance and importance. Friendships are forged that last a lifetime and future military and political decisions are positively influenced.

NPS is Alumni . . .

- **43,000 Graduates**
 - Representing all U.S. Military Services and many U.S. Government agencies
 - 4031 international officers from 84 countries
 - 34 Astronauts
 - 25% of U.S. active-duty Flag and General Officers
- **More than 50,000 Nondegree Participants**



James G. Roche
Secretary of the Air Force



General Michael Hagee
Commandant U.S. Marine Corps



King Abdullah of Jordan

Classified Studies:

One of the most important attributes of the NPS is that students have the ability to conduct classified research. NPS has one of the nation's elite educational SCIFs, which allows our students to conduct research that is comparable to our national research labs. Additionally, most of the classified research is conducted on behalf of a sponsor. Moreover, the NPS faculty has the appropriate security clearances to support student research projects.